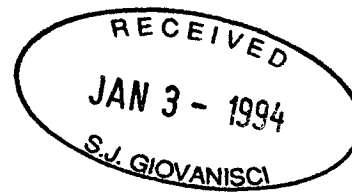


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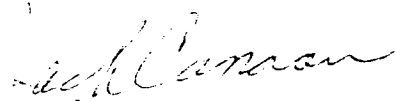
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Since 1952, when the plant was in the planning stages, no one has written more words or taken more photographs of this enterprise than Mel Ruder. As editor and publisher of the Hungry Horse News, he faithfully reported the activities of our employees, praised us when we did things right and gave us hell when, in his opinion, we were negligent in our responsibilities to the community.

It is no secret that Mel is one of the most honored publishers in the history of Montana's Fourth Estate. A Pulitzer Prize, numerous awards at Montana Press Conventions and the fact that he was often quoted in the Congressional Record all testify to his outstanding talent.

We are indeed grateful that he has provided this history of our plant.


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